

Senate File 2214 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act reclassifying marijuana from a schedule I controlled
2 substance to a schedule II controlled substance.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 124.204, subsection 4, paragraph m, Code
2 2014, is amended by striking the paragraph.

3 Sec. 2. Section 124.204, subsection 4, paragraph u,
4 unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2014, is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 Tetrahydrocannabinols, ~~except as otherwise provided~~
7 ~~by rules of the board for medicinal purposes~~, meaning
8 tetrahydrocannabinols naturally contained in a plant of
9 the genus Cannabis (Cannabis plant) as well as synthetic
10 equivalents of the substances contained in the Cannabis plant,
11 or in the resinous extractives of such plant, and synthetic
12 substances, derivatives, and their isomers with similar
13 chemical structure and pharmacological activity to those
14 substances contained in the plant, such as the following:

15 Sec. 3. Section 124.204, subsection 7, Code 2014, is amended
16 by striking the subsection.

17 Sec. 4. Section 124.206, subsection 7, paragraph a, Code
18 2014, is amended to read as follows:

19 a. ~~Marijuana when used for medicinal purposes pursuant to~~
20 ~~rules of the board.~~

21 EXPLANATION

22 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
23 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

24 The bill reclassifies marijuana as a schedule II controlled
25 substance instead of a schedule I controlled substance and
26 strikes references to the authority of the board of pharmacy to
27 adopt rules for the use of marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinols
28 for medicinal purposes.

29 A schedule I controlled substance is a highly addictive
30 substance that has no accepted medical use in the United States
31 and a schedule II controlled substance is a highly addictive
32 substance that has an accepted medical use in the United
33 States. The reclassification of marijuana from a schedule I
34 controlled substance to a schedule II controlled substance
35 allows a physician to issue a prescription for marijuana.

1 The penalties remain unchanged for violations involving
2 marijuana under the bill. The penalties under Code section
3 124.401 range from a class "B" felony punishable by up to 50
4 years of confinement to a serious misdemeanor punishable by
5 up to six months of confinement depending on the amount of
6 marijuana involved in the offense.